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Majority prices for next week were trending unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak in the West, steady to barely steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend was slow to fair with limited trading, and some orders reduced due to lighter trade needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair. Wings were in the best position with supplies close to tight and still moving strong. Breast items were at least adequate and frequently discounted to help clear, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	45.00-69.75	54.33	27
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	77.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	67.00-70.00	45.00-74.00	68.41	91
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
934	66.58-71.50	70.12

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	136.00	930
BREASTS - B/S	108.00	5,106
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50	1,189
THIGH MEAT - B/S	94.00	743
LEG QUARTERS	28.00	7,152
WINGS	89.00	2,735

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offers of additional whole fryers were light but adequate with interest spotty. Retail and distributive demand slow to moderate, best into fast food and sport bar channels. Floor stocks were adequate with some buyers reducing volumes on incoming shipments to match expected needs. Sizes were in a desirable range. Supplies of parts were adequate to available except wings which were tight. The trade sentiment was firm on wings and boneless dark meat, steady on bone in drums and thighs, and barely steady to weak on breast items.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was light with few features present to aid interest. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate, best for wings which were close to tight and moving best. Breast items were adequate to ample, better balanced for fronts, and dark meat was readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower throughout the region. The market tone was generally weak. Offerings were ample for most needs; with the exception of smaller sized WOGs, which were reported in close balance and at the moment confidently held. Retailer demand was fairly good overall with best interest where special promotions were in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was mixed on parts with wings in the strongest position.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Offerings of smaller sizes were noted as at least sufficient; heavier sizes were fully adequate for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were well cleared. Breast items were readily available and often discounted to clear excess supplies. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were at least adequate on the smaller sizes; fully adequate to ample on the larger sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. In the parts complex, breast items were readily available and difficult to clear. Wings were in good balance. Other items were fully adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	46-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/19/05-12/23/05 (A)
	12/20/04-12/24/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/19/05-12/23/05 (A)
	12/20/04-12/24/04 (A)
(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.	

JAN 05

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 06

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE				
BREAST - B/S	655	82.00-149.00	-	92.99	505	80.00-100.00	85-90	88.00	2,625	93.33
TENDERLOINS	288	72.00-139.00	-	82.80	223	70.00-139.00	-	83.96	1,052	83.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	52.00-65.00	-	53.96	112	52.00-63.00	53-55	54.05	408	53.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				195	51.92
LEGS	248	30.00-48.00	31-33	32.52	288	30.00-48.00	31-33	31.89	992	32.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	643	18.00-25.00	20-21	20.51	593	19.00-25.00	20-21	20.70	2,412	20.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,114	20.00-30.00	22-24	23.94	1,714	20.00-30.00	22-24	23.18	5,160	23.66
WINGS (WHOLE)	307	82.00-90.00	84-88	86.81	307	82.00-87.00	83-85	84.48	1,228	84.10
WINGS (CUT)	290	98.00-112.00	102-104	104.14	335	95.00-114.00	99-101	102.55	1,205	102.37
DRUMSTICKS	87	27.00-48.00	-	30.86	TOO FEW TO REPORT				316	32.32
THIGHS	66	25.00-48.00	-	32.85	TOO FEW TO REPORT				181	35.51
B/S THIGHS	185	82.00-97.00	-	87.59	TOO FEW TO REPORT				467	89.16

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JAN 05, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGETODAY'S AVERAGE

34.50 - 40.00

36.42

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34.50 - 40.00

36.74

5-DAY AVERAGE

36.48

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive entering the the weekend. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and tenderloins were readily available and slow to clear; bone-in breasts at least adequate to available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate to fully adequate. Wings were were well cleared. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm for wings and boneless skinless thigh meat; barely steady to weak for breast cuts and tenderloins. The balance of items were no better than steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

JAN 05

JAN 06

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
	TRADING*				TRADING*					
BREAST - B/S	100-105		101.34	723,650	100		99.69	714,160	100.42	2,657,460
TENDERLOINS	95		89.75	263,880	90-95		93.58	221,952	90.11	913,572
BREAST - WITH RIBS	51-52		57.10	121,560	51-52		62.73	66,680	60.92	320,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	51		50.00	72,000	51		50.31	110,960	50.93	326,960
LEGS	39-40		39.99	124,620	39-40		41.27	224,720	40.47	850,780
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23		24.32	367,680	22-23		24.55	240,940	24.28	1,320,620
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		31.72	136,080	29-30		33.82	143,120	33.97	458,520
THIGHS	32-33		39.87	61,000	32-33		39.47	59,880	40.65	216,490
B/S THIGHS	95-96		90.31	79,940	98-99		95.03	112,440	93.39	385,580
WINGS (WHOLE)	85-86		85.82	293,920	87-88		88.02	267,320	85.82	1,075,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.73	35,960	10-12		12.10	28,480	11.60	109,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55		48.24	18,064	50-55		54.90	6,880	48.86	52,988
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75		74.35	21,800	70-75		75.16	13,240	74.83	76,880

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,292	4,141	4,006	4,026	5.34	5.46	4,095	5.44		
Arkansas	6,644	5,416	5,314	5,049	5.38	5.69	5,466	5.34		
Delmarva	3,260	2,304	2,296	2,559	5.87	5.98	2,622	5.96		
KY-LA-TN	2,300	2,340	2,291	2,261	5.26	5.26	2,068	5.23		
Mississippi	3,771	3,084	2,953	3,049	5.71	5.78	3,496	5.91		
North Carolina	3,651	2,565	2,541	2,486	6.81	6.84	3,021	6.83		
Texas	2,526	2,387	2,532	2,534	5.43	5.45	2,528	5.28		
Total	26,444	22,237	21,933	21,707	5.63	5.75	23,296	5.66		
Mon-Fri	102,123(A)						93,869(A)			
Saturday	3,821	(included in total for date shown)					2,753			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 06-Jan-06 and 07-Jan-06 is estimated to be 39,563,000 head up 13.17 percent from a week ago and up 14.12 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,958,000, last year 34,667,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 07-Jan-06 is estimated to be 149,299,000 head up 5.13 percent from a week ago, and down 6.84 percent from a year ago. (Last week 142,014,000, last year 160,263,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & up	99-107
HENS UNDER 5 LBS	-
HENS OVER 5 LBS	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS WHOLE	-
CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-105
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 24-Dec-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	23,510	10,908	49,195
Avg Weight	3.72	4.64	6.42
% of total /1	28%	13%	59%

Comparisons

Last week	23,418	14,124	41,198
Avg Weight	3.76	4.77	6.48
% of total /1	30%	18%	52%

Same week, yr ago /2	19,829	12,909	34,453
Avg Weight	3.81	4.78	6.32
% of total /1	30%	19%	51%

To date/2005	1,363,404	1,058,382	2,568,271
To date/2004	1,317,686	1,066,584	2,336,124

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 31-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	142,014	984	1,173	2,157	515
Avg Wt	5.35	3.31	7.90	5.81	6.85
Last week	151,687	1,472	1,297	2,769	468
Same wk yr ago	137,675	1,345	1,287	2,632	451
Avg Wt	5.33	3.32	8.01	5.61	6.76
To-date/2005	8,343,294	73,492	73,316	146,808	25,957
To-date/2004	8,092,572	70,858	70,509	141,367	24,515

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 143.7 million head, or 10.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
Week ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt
November	26 128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
December	3 166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
	10 163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17 166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
	24 153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
	31 143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
Year to date	8444.4	8497.5	99%	
January	7	156.5		
	14	160.4		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	01/07/05	12/31/05	% CHG	01/08/05	% CHG
Broilers	149,299	142,014*	+5.13	160,263*	-6.84
Cattle	529	522	+01	577*	-08
Hogs	1,818	1,805	+01	1,975*	-08

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 02-JAN-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57.00-62.00	60.00-62.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	64.00-87.00	72.00-78.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were balanced to instances close. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 02-JAN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 01-03-06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Pekin Ducks	- 3.25ea.
Red Fowl 4 - 5 LBS	.20 - .30
Red Fowl 5 - 6 LBS	.50 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5 - 9 LBS	.55 - .70
Crossbred Roosters 4 - 6 LBS	1.00 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 7 - 11 LBS	.90 - 1.05
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.60ea.
Banty Hens	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 3.50ea.
White Pigeons	5.00 - 5.10ea.
Rabbits 4 - 6 LBS	1.30 - 1.50
Rabbits 6 - 9 LBS	1.50 - 1.60
Bunnies	1.00 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 3.50ea.
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.

Total Coops Sold 272

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Demand was generally fair for light canners; mostly moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were generally adequate current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27

**HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)**
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the mostly adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-11	7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Salvage costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal values were expected to remain about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Removal costs continue unchanged. Demand was moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	.5-5.5	

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules full. Offerings ample.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-JAN-06

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to no better than moderate about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fair to moderate. The undertone steady to at least steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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